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JOINT CINCUNC/EMBASSY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR MARR KS KN
SUBJECT: 347TH MAC MEETING

REF: A) CINCUNC 191715Z DEC 73
B) SEOUL 8450 (151021Z DEC 73)

1. FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF OUR PROTEST DECEMBER 19 RE LATEST TERRITORIAL SEA VIOLATIONS (REF A) KPA/CPV HAVE PROPOSED MAC MEETING DEC 22. AT 1500 HOURS SEOUL TIME, DECEMBER 21 WE PLAN TO COUNTER PROPOSE DECEMBER 24 AS DATE FOR MEETING AND WOULD EXPECT OTHER SIDE TO ACCEPT. REQUEST THAT WE BE SENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REF B BY COB DECEMBER 21 FOR BACKGROUND IN PREPARING SENIOR MEMBERS STATEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

2. AS IN THE 346TH MAC MEETING, SENIOR MEMBER
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UNCMAC DOES NOT PLAN TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF

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THE NLL OR ANY DEFINITION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

3. HOWEVER, NORTH IS EXPETED TO BEGIN THE MEETING WITH A SERIES OF CHARGES BASED ON THEIR INTERPRETED 12 NAUTICAL MILE COASTAL WATER CLAIM, SIMILAR TO, BUT MORE INTENSE THAN CHARGES AT 346TH MAC MEETING. IN THIS CASE, SENIOR MEMBER, UNCMAC PLANS TO REVIEW SEQUENCE OF EVENTS OVER PAST TWO MONTHS. EMPHASIZING THAT SITUATION OFF THE ONGJIN PENINSULA WAS QUIET UNTIL THE NORTH BEGAN THEIR RECENT NAVAL INCURSION. HE WILL THEN STRESS SERIOUSNESS OF NORTH'S VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, I.E., INTRUSION OF WATERS CONTGUOUS TO THE SOUTH'S ISLANDS AND IMPENDING OF SOUTH'S PASSAGE TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS TO INCLUDE PROVOCATIVE MANEUVERING OF THEIR TORPEDO AND PATROL BOATS. SENIOR MEMBER, UNCMAC, WILL CLOSE BY MAKING CLEAR IN A CALM, STATEMENT THAT THE UNC REMAINS FULLY COMMITED TO UPHOLDING THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES MAINTAINING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE ISLAND GROUPS IN QUESTION AND THEIR CONTIGUOUS WATERS AS WELL AS MAINTAINING THE RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO THESE ISLANDS.
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